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In the application of:

Barry N. GARDINER et al.

Serial No.: 08/781,579

Filing Date: January 9, 1997

For: SUTURED STAPLE SURGICAL
FASTENERS, INSTRUMENTS AND
METHODS FOR MINIMALLY
INVASIVE VASCULAR AND
ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

Examiner: Tina T.D. Pham

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Group Art Unit: 3731

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 12, 1998. This extension will extend the time the response is due from February 12, 1999 to May 12, 1999.

- A third-month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$435.00.
- A [one/two] month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on .
- The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated .

A check in the amount of \$435.00 is attached.

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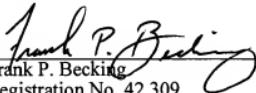
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Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 388402000900.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 388402000900. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 12, 1999

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